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1. IRELAND HAS RATIFIED 1970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTION.
2. REGARDING SECURITY IN EFFECT AT DUBLIN AIRPORT, WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE QUESTION IN DETAIL WITH THE TWA MANAGER AT THE AIRPORT. BASED ON THIS, PLUS OUR OWN OBSERVATIONS, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT AT DUBLIN AIRPORT ARE, IN GENERAL, ADEQUATE. THERE ARE OCCASIONAL INDIVIDUAL LAPSES IN VIGILANCE, BUT THE SYSTEM IN EFFECT AND PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE. CERTAIN WEAKNESSES ARE AT TIMES EVIDENT, SUCH AS RELATIVE EASE OF ACCESS TO THE CUSTOMS AREA, BUT THESE PROBLEMS ARE REGULARLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWED BY A SECURITY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AIRLINES, PILOT'S ASSOCIATION AND AIRPORT AUTHORITY SECURITY OFFICIALS. CORRECTIVE MEASURES, WE UNDERSTAND, ARE WILLINGLY AND PROMPTLY TAKEN BY THE AIRPORT SECURITY

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AUTHORITIES. THERE IS VERY LITTLE TRANSIT TRAFFIC THROUGH DUBLIN

AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO OUR TWA CONTACTS, PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT
CLEAR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION AS IF THEY WERE DISEMBARKING AT DUBLIN;

THEY THEN ENTER THE DEPARTURES AREA AND PROCEED AS DEPARTING
PASSENGERS. THUS, FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY, THERE IS NO VALID
DISTINCTION BETWEEN TRANSIT PASSENGERS AND OTHER PASSENGERS. WE
CANNOT COMMENT ON SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT AT SHANNON, BUT
WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE COMPARABLE.

3. WE MIGHT ADD THAT, GIVEN THE TROUBLES EXISTING IN IRELAND AND
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IRA, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS MORE ALERT THAN
MOST TO THE THREAT OF TERRORISM. THE GOVERNMENT IS HIGHLY
SENSITIVE ON THIS POINT AND TENDS TO TREAT SECURITY AS VERY
SERIOUS BUSINESS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT AN OFFER OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS WARRANTED.
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